Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 3:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 26: SUMMARY

<u>Please delete the paragraph starting at page 3, line 7: (Advantageous developments are the subject of the subclaims.)</u>

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 7, line 28:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 28, with the following:

Exemplary embodiments of the invention are explained in more detail on the basis of the drawings, a drawing, in which:

Figure 1 shows a perspective representation of the component with a closing seam,

Figure 2 shows a plan view of a component with two closing seams,

Figure 3 shows a view of a detail of a closing seam of a component,

Figure 4 shows a view of a detail of a closing seam with a double-bend connection,

Figures 5 I) to 5 V) schematically show the sequence of a method for producing a component with a basic member and a closing seam, and

Figures 6 I) to 6 V) schematically show the sequence of a method for producing a component with two basic members and two closing seams.

Please insert the following before the paragraph starting at page 8, line 13:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION